

# ललित धारा

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**Today's Programme:** Presentation on behalf of the RCP adopted schools on 'Approaches for the transformation of community school into child friendly happy school'

**Forthcoming Programme:**

26 Sept. – No weekly meeting

29 Sept. – World Heart Day celebration

**Congratulatory Events**

**Birthdays:** Nil

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

Rtn. Mukti N. & Praveena Shrestha – 19 Sept.

**Minutes of Meeting No. 1822**

**Date: 27 Bhadra 2079 / 12 September 2022**

1. President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan called the RCP Meeting No.1822 to order with 15 seconds of 'Silent Invocation' for world peace, health, and happiness.
2. Guests welcomed by the President: PP Rtn. Ishwari P. Dhakal, RC Bharatpur; Mr. Sunil Gupta, Inner Wheels/Spouses, and Rotaracts.  
PP Rtn. Ishwari P. Dhakal (retired Vice-Chancellor of Agriculture & Forestry University) introduced himself, the Rotary Club of Bharatpur, which he joined in 2003, and gave a brief highlight of his club's activities and the current RI President's priorities.
3. The last meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
4. 'Happy News' contributions:
  - Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang (NRs. 500), Rtn. Ramesh L. Maskay (NRs. 500), Rtn. Bijaya L. Shrestha (NRs. 500) - for Rtn. Bijaya L. Shrestha's classification talk today.
  - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi – for a very successful first-time training of four nurses on Rheumatic Heart Disease (RHD) detection in children who were able to detect cases while completing examination of 100 children (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha – for Rtn. Bijaya L. Shrestha's talk today and ongoing PEEF distribution (NRs., 1,000).
  - Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan – for having guest Rtn. Ishwari P. Dhakal and Rtn. Bijaya L. Shrestha's talk today (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Gabriele Mallapaty (NRs. 1,000) and Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty (NRs. 500) – for excellent use of power-point presentation by committee chairs during RCP's Charter Day, and for a 'Golf' resort visit at Devchuli, Nawalpur.
  - Rtn. Ishwari P. Dhakal – for meeting Rtns. Bijaya L. Shrestha and Prakash R. Regmi again after meeting them in New Orleans, USA Rotary convention (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Maheswari Bisht Rawal – for Rtn. Bijaya L. Shrestha's classification talk today, and elder son doing Ph.D. on Education Policy in the USA (500).
  - Rtn. Siba B. Rajbhandary – for the presence of Rtn. Ishwari P. Dhakal and for Rtn. Bijaya L. Shrestha's talk (NRs. 500).
  - Rtn. Rabendra R. Pandey – for the 'Golf' trip of the Mallapatys & Khemkas, and wonderful work on RHD reported by Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi (NRs. 1,000).
  - Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya – for today's salutation of the club in Japan he had visited in 1975 (NRs. 500).
5. Other Contributions:
  - Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi handed-over NRs. 65,000 to the President being his annual contribution for the RCP's Graduate Studies Scholarship Award (GSSA) programme.
  - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty requested those who pledged to contribute US \$ 300 (NRs. 38,400) towards a PHF Pin through the RCP to deposit the funds so that these could be requested from RI.
6. Rotary Information:
  - Rtn. Mahendra B. Thapa briefed on his & Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang's participation in a meeting of Nepal Orthopaedic Hospital to review its strategic planning for five years. NOH is thankful to the RCP for its continued support. He also briefed on the successful PEEF distribution in Shree Krishna Secondary School in Dhapakhel.
  - Rtn. Bijaya Mallapaty briefed on the RCP's planned support to the current disaster in Pakistan as was done to Lebanon and Sri Lanka earlier. In a matter of a week, the RCP family is proud to have come up with over NRs. 400,000 of pledges. We are in touch with the Rotary Club of Karachi, the oldest club there and with a RI Trustee Aziz Memon as a member. The RC of Karachi is in Sindh Province, which has been most affected, and is actively supporting the victims in an organized and phased manner. E-mail of their communication is being shared with all separately. We will be sending the funds to support them in this hour of their need as early as possible.
  - Rtn. Rashik Adhikari from Rotaract Club of Patan informed about the 'Blood Donation' campaign being held on 17 September 2022 from 7:00 a.m. at Mangal Bazar, Lalitpur and requested all RCP family to join. The event is organized

in collaboration among the Rotaract Club of Patan, Rotary Club of Patan, Inner Wheel Club of Patan, Kist Teaching Hospital, and Prayash Health Foundation.

- President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan handed-over the RCP's contribution of NRs. 20,000 for the above to the Rotaract Club of Patan.
  - IW Mithila Rajbhandary handed over her personal contribution of NRs. 5,000 for the Blood Donation campaign to the Rotaract Club of Patan.
7. Salutation: By Rtn. Pushkar M. Shakya - Rotary Club of Chitose, Hokkaido, Japan; Chartered: 1968; and members: 57. District: 2510, Clubs: 73, and members: 2685. He also briefed on the highlights of the city, which he had visited in 1975.
8. Before the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Secretary Rtn. Khadak S. Bisht announced: contributions of NRs. 10,400 (NRs. 8,000 to the sunshine fund and NRs. 2,400 to the operational fund of the RCP), and the meeting attendance of 1 guest, 1 visiting Rotarian, 17 members, 2 Rotaracts, 8 IW/Spouses, and 11 make-ups.

### **Rotary Questions/Answers presented by Rtn. Prakash R. Regmi**

- Q.** Where and when (Year) was the first RI convention held in Asia? **A.** In Tokyo, in 1961.
- Q.** Why is 1995 significant for Women in Rotary? **A.** 8 women members became DG for the first time.
- Q.** Who was the first woman Rotarian in Nepal and from which club? **A.** Rtn Suniti Acharya from RC Jawalakhel.
- Q.** What is the current title of Camila Parker, the wife of King Charles the III of U.K.? **A.** The queen consort.

### **Summary of Classification Talk of Rtn. Bijaya L. Shrestha**

Rtn. Bijaya L. Shrestha gave her first and unique classification talk in RC Patan through a photo gallery power point presentation with its narration full of positive thinking. She was married to Rtn. Ganesh R. Shrestha at a young age of 16 and they have a daughter Ujala who is now a professional graphic designer. She presented her extended family photos in traditional dresses and narrated them with cultural significance.

Rtn. Shrestha continued her higher studies post marriage and completed her Master's in Education. She was inspired to do social service work early on with the first-hand responsibility to care for her brother-in-law who is somewhat mentally disadvantaged.

Coming from a traditional Newar family, she was rather shy, but her exposure to Rotary enabled her to be outgoing and professionally engaged in a lot of Rotary activities. During the installation of PDG Rtn. Tirtha M. Sakya in 2010-2011, she, together with Mrs. Nani Shova Sakya, managed the 'Sagun' programme to all the dignitaries of Rotary. Since then, in Rotary Club of Patan, she enjoyed doing these kinds of activities during fellowship programmes and supported various service activities of the RCP.

In 1994, she joined the Inner Wheel Club of Patan as a charter member when she was the youngest member of the club. Progressing gradually, she became its President, District Chairman, and went on to become the national representative of Inner Wheels from Nepal. She currently is the trainer of Inner Wheel Club executives. IW club that used to be with the Rotary spouses only, is now open to all and has become a professional club primarily for women.

Honouring her parents' wishes, she established 'Jalasya Narayan Bhagwan' as an initiation to social work that led to supporting many projects through the Inner Wheel Club, the Rotary Club of Patan and other independent initiatives. Some of her representative involvement in social activities are – honouring senior citizens of Lalitpur, water projects through collaboration with French and German sponsors, eye camps with cataract operations, providing reusable sanitary pads, support during post mega earthquake of Nepal and during Covid-19 pandemic, supporting Patan community-based rehabilitation, joining as a trainer in the 'mothers society of intellectual disabilities', as chairperson of Sinchahity Mahila Bidyalaya from 1967, and vice-chairperson of 'Mudita Sewa Griha', a shelter for single women.

Rtn. Bijaya L. Shrestha is well travelled to 33/34 districts of Nepal and internationally. One of her important trips was to Oslo, Norway, in connection with support to people with disabilities. She recently joined Inner Wheel South Asia Rally in Dhaka, Bangladesh and carried the mantle to bring it to Nepal in 2025.

During the Q/A session, several members appreciated her unique presentation depicting her progressively higher levels of social involvement and activities. In concluding the session, President Rtn. Shiva K. Pradhan thanked her on behalf of the RCP family for her excellent and inspiring classification talk.